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To: Kentucky Vaccine Program (KVP) Providers
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Subject: Addition of HPV4 vaccine (GARDASIL) for Males to the Kentucky Vaccine Program

The Advisory Committee of Immunization Practices (ACIP) has approved a permissive recommendation for the use of HPV4 vaccine (GARDASIL by Merck & Co., Inc.) in males aged 9 through 26 years for prevention of genital warts caused by the human papillomavirus (HPV) types 6 and 11. HPV4 vaccine **IS NOT RECOMMENDED** by the ACIP for routine use in boys or men but **MAY BE GIVEN** to boys and men aged 9 through 26 years. Based on ACIP recommendations, HPV4 vaccine is available for VFC eligible males aged 9 through 18 years (prior to the 19th birthday) through the VFC Program.

HPV4 vaccine is given as a three-dose series. Each 0.5 mL dose is administered as an intramuscular injection at 0 months, 1-2 months, and 6 months. The second dose is administered 1 to 2 months after the first dose, and the third dose 6 months after the first dose. The minimum interval between the first and second doses is 4 weeks. The minimum interval between the second and third dose is 12 weeks. The minimum interval between the first and third dose is 24 weeks.

The new KVP Order and Eligibility Worksheet and most current Vaccine Information Statement for HPV4 vaccine are enclosed. If your clinic uses the KVP Activity Worksheet to track doses, please check the column for HPV4 to track HPV4 vaccine doses administered for both males and females.

The Kentucky Immunization Program phone number is (502) 564-4478. For KVP vaccine distribution questions please contact Laura Harrod at ext. 3855 or by email at Laura.Harrod@ky.gov. For questions regarding GARDASIL quadrivalent HPV4 vaccine or dosing information please contact Melissa Eastman, RN, at ext. 3334 or by email at Melissa.Eastman@ky.gov, Nancy Hamilton, RN, CLC, at ext. 3516 or by email at Nancy.Hamilton@ky.gov, or Alicia Tindall, RN, BS, at ext. 3585 or by email at Alicia.Tindall@ky.gov.

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